

Final Carnival Before Super Saturday Readies Entries for Dubai World Cup Night

27 February 2019, DUBAI, UAE ~ Thursday, 28 February 2019, in the ninth meeting of the 2019 Dubai World Cup Carnival, the final Carnival fixture before next weekend's Super Saturday card, is highlighted by the Group 3 \$300,000 Nad Al Sheba Trophy (Race 4), the local prep for the Group 2 \$1.5 million Dubai Gold Cup sponsored by Al Tayer Motors on 30 March, Dubai World Cup night—one of the world's top races for stayers. Thursday's card also features the Listed \$160,000 Curlin Handicap (Race 5), which has been used as a prep by two Dubai World Cup winners, and a GR 1 for Purebred Arabians, R3 of the Al Maktoum Challenge.

The meeting opens with R3 of the \$95,000 2000m Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum City District One (PA G1). Over the same course and distance as the Kahayla Classic on Dubai World Cup night. Defending champion, **Ziyadd** (Bibi de Carrere x Mizzna), will be hoping to repeat his success of 12 months ago with Richard Mullen again in the saddle for Jean de Roualle and Yas Horse Racing Management. Following last year's success, they were well beaten in the Kahayla Classic, a race in which **Chaddad** (Mared Al Sahara x Nisae) stayed into second on his final outing for previous connections. He has now joined Sandeep Jadhav, in the ownership of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, for whom he is having his second start. **Goshawke** (Thoroughbred (US) x Sand Witchh (US) by Burning Sand), a gutsy winner of the 2200m second round looks good, not to forget **AF Al Sajanjle** (AF AL BURQA x Caline Du Loup), third in that race and subsequently victorious in the 1600m Mazrat Al Ruwayah (PA G2) a fortnight ago.

The whole evening is sponsored by Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum City—District One, which also sponsors the \$1.5 million Godolphin Mile (G2).

Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 Race Card:

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